

Chambers of District Judge Virginia Hernandez Covington

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Virginia Hernandez Covington
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1955
Education: Tampa 1976 BS, 1977 MBA; Georgetown 1980 JD
Began Service: September 10, 2004
Appointed By: President George W. Bush

Government: Trial Attorney, Federal Trade Commission (1980-1981); Assistant State Attorney, Hillsborough County (1982-1983); Assistant United States Attorney, Middle District of Florida (1983-2001)

Judicial: Appellate Judge, Florida District Court of Appeal, Second District (2001-2004)

Chambers of Senior Judge George C. Young

George C. Young U.S. Courthouse & Federal Bldg., 80 N. Hughey Ave., Rm. 300, Orlando, FL 32801
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George C. Young
Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1916
Education: Florida 1938 AB, 1940 LLB
Began Service: 1961
Appointed By: President John F. Kennedy

Government: Assistant City Attorney (1941-1942); Administrative Assistant, Congressman then Senator Smathers (1948-1951)

Legal Practice: Private Practice (1947-1948); Private Practice (1951-1961)

Military Service: United States Navy (1942-1946)

Current Memberships: American Bar Association; American Judicature Society; American Law Institute; Florida Bar Association; Jacksonville Bar Association

Staff

Judicial Assistant and Courtroom Deputy (Vacant) (407) 835-4280

Chambers of Senior Judge Howell W. Melton

U.S. Courthouse, 300 North Hogan Street, Room 11-300, Jacksonville, FL 32202-4243
Tel: (904) 549-1940

**Howell W. Melton**
Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1923
Education: Florida 1948 JD
Began Service: May 12, 1977
Appointed By: President Jimmy Carter

Government: Attorney, Anastasia Mosquito Control (1956-1960); County Attorney, St. Johns County (1959-1960)

Judicial: Judge, Florida Circuit Court, Seventh Judicial Circuit (1961-1977)

Legal Practice: Partner, Upchurch, Melton & Upchurch (1948-1961)

Military Service: United States Army (1943-1946); United States Army Reserve (1949-1953)

Current Memberships: American Bar Association; Florida Bar Association; Jacksonville Bar Association; Jacksonville Federal Bar Association; St. Johns County Bar Association

Chambers of Senior Judge Howell W. Melton continued**Staff**

Law Clerk **JoAnne Eichelberger** (904) 549-1940
Education: Florida 1989 JD

Chambers of Senior Judge William John Castagna

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William John Castagna
Senior Judge

Date of Birth: June 24, 1924
Education: Florida 1949 LLB
Began Service: July 24, 1979
Appointed By: President Jimmy Carter

Legal Practice: Private Practice (1949-1970); Partner, MacKenzie, Castagna, Bennison & Gardner (1970-1979)

Military Service: United States Air Force (1943-1945)

Staff

Law Clerk **Raequel Tomsich** (813) 301-5535
Education: Eastern Michigan 1991 BS;
Stetson 1994 JD
Judicial Assistant **Iva J. O'Connell** (813) 301-5835

Chambers of Senior Judge John H. Moore II

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**John H. Moore II**
Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1929
Education: Syracuse 1952 BS; Florida 1961 JD
Began Service: December 1, 1981
Appointed By: President Ronald Reagan

Government: Member, Florida Judicial Qualifications Commission (1977-1981)

Judicial: Judge, Florida Circuit Court, 17th Judicial Circuit (1967-1977); Judge, Florida District Court of Appeal, Fourth District (1977-1981)

Legal Practice: Fleming, O'Bryan & Fleming (1961-1967); Partner, Turner, Shaw & Moore; Associate, Fisher & Phillips

Military Service: United States Naval Reserve (1948-1971)

Current Memberships: American Inns of Court; Federal Bar Association; The Florida Bar; Jacksonville Bar Association

Staff

Administrative Law Clerk **Virginia "Ginny" Flick** (904) 549-1980
E-mail: virginia_flick@flmd.uscourts.gov
Education: Penn State 1976 BA; Duquesne 1980 JD
Law Clerk **Simon Auerbach** (904) 549-1980
Law Clerk **Craig D. Feiser** (904) 549-1980
E-mail: craig_feiser@flmd.uscourts.gov
Education: Michigan State 1992 BA;
Florida 1998 MA, 1998 JD

Chambers of Senior Judge Wm. Terrell Hodges

207 NW Second St., Ocala, FL 34475-6666
Tel: (352) 690-6907

Wm. Terrell Hodges
Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1934
Education: Florida 1956 BSBA, 1958 LLB, 1967 JD
Began Service: 1971
Appointed By: President Richard M. Nixon

Affiliation: Senior Judge (Chairman), Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation

Academic: Instructor, University of South Florida (1961-1966); Lecturer, Federal Judicial Center (1984)

Legal Practice: Macfarlane, Ferguson, Allison & Kelly (1958-1971)

Current Memberships: American Inns of Court; American Judicature Society; Bar Association of Hillsborough County; District Judges Association; Florida Bar

Staff

Law Clerk **Stephanie Marchman** (352) 690-6907
Law Clerk **Jake Payne** (352) 690-6907
Secretary **Barbara Wood** (352) 690-6907

Chambers of Senior Judge George Kendall Sharp

300 U.S. Courthouse & Federal Bldg., 80 N. Hughey Ave., Orlando, FL 32801
Tel: (407) 835-4260

George Kendall Sharp
Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1934
Education: Yale 1957 BA; Virginia 1963 JD
Began Service: 1983
Appointed By: President Ronald Reagan

Academic: Faculty, Indian River Community College

Government: Public Defender, 19th Judicial Circuit, State of Florida (1964-1968); School Board Attorney, Indian River County (1968-1978)

Judicial: Judge, Florida Circuit Court, 19th Judicial Circuit (1978-1983)

Legal Practice: Partner, Sharp, Johnston & Brown (1963-1978)

Military Service: United States Naval Reserve (1957-1988)

Staff

Judicial Assistant **Debbie Benton** (407) 835-4260

Chambers of Magistrate Judge Thomas G. Wilson

1232 Sam M. Gibbons U.S. Courthouse, 801 N. Florida Ave., Tampa, FL 33602
Tel: (813) 301-5588

Thomas G. Wilson
Magistrate Judge

Date of Birth: 1939
Education: Michigan State 1961 BA; Duke 1964 LLB
Began Service: April 6, 1979
Term Expires: April 6, 2011

Clerkships: Law Clerk The Honorable Paul H. Roney, United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit (1970-1972); Law Clerk The Honorable Joseph P. Lieb, United States District Court for the Middle District of Florida (1964-1966)

Chambers of Magistrate Judge Thomas G. Wilson continued

Government: Assistant United States Attorney, Middle District of Florida, Department of Justice (1966-1970); Senior Attorney, Appellate Section, Civil Division, Department of Justice (1972-1979); Attorney, United States District Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit (1965); Attorney, United States District Court for Middle District of Florida (1965); Attorney, Supreme Court of the United States (1968); Attorney, United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit (1981)

Legal Practice: Associate, Law Firm of Miller and McKendree (1970)

Current Memberships: Florida Bar Association

Staff

Law Clerk **Melissa Millican** (813) 301-5588
Education: Florida 1996 JD
Law Clerk **Cynthia Sonnemann** (813) 301-5588
Education: Elmhurst 1999 BA;
John Marshall 2002 JD
Secretary/Courtroom Deputy **Carrie A. Williams** (813) 301-5588

Chambers of Magistrate Judge Howard T. Snyder

U.S. Courthouse, 300 North Hogan Street, Suite 5-211, Jacksonville, FL 32202
Tel: (904) 549-1960

Howard T. Snyder
Magistrate Judge

Date of Birth: 1945
Education: Stetson 1966 BBA, 1969 JD
Began Service: January 1981

Government: Special Agent, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice (1969-1972); Assistant United States Attorney, Middle District of Florida, Department of Justice (1972-1976); Senior Assistant United States Attorney, Middle District of Florida, Department of Justice (1979-1980)

Legal Practice: Harrison & Snyder (1976-1979)

Current Memberships: Federal Bar Association; Federal Bar Association Jacksonville Chapter; Federal Magistrate Judges Association; The Florida Bar; Jacksonville Bar Association

Staff

Law Clerk **Curtis Fisher** (904) 549-1960
Education: Minnesota 1999 JD
Law Clerk **Theresa Kidd** (904) 549-1960
Education: Ohio Northern 2002 JD
Secretary/Courtroom Deputy
Winifred "Winnie" Beasley (904) 549-1960

Chambers of Magistrate Judge Elizabeth A. Jenkins

Sam M. Gibbons U.S. Courthouse, 801 N. Florida Ave., Tampa, FL 33602
Tel: (813) 301-5774

Elizabeth A. Jenkins
Magistrate Judge

Date of Birth: 1949
Education: Vanderbilt 1971 BA; Florida 1976 JD
Began Service: 1985
Term Expires: 2009

Government: Attorney-Advisor, Department of Justice (1976-1978); Assistant United States Attorney, Middle District of Florida, Department of Justice (1978-1982); Assistant United States Attorney, Southern District of Florida, Department of Justice (1982-1985)

Current Memberships: American Bar Association; District of Columbia Bar; Federal Magistrate Judges Association; Florida Bar; Judicial Conference Committee on International Judicial Relations; Terrell Inn of Court

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